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CHAPTER XI.

LAND TITLES, AND J. W. JOHNSON AND W. P. MILLER.

ALL the lands for miles north and south of Carbondale were formerly owned by Lord John Russel, of England; and J. R. Priestly, an Englishman, of Northumberland, Pennsylvania, was his agent for the sale of the lands. The reason for their being so many fancy names to the various tracts was that the government did not want the lands to be monopolized by any one person, but sold to actual settlers; so that it had to be taken under different titles, such as Susan Diller, and other fictitious names. The tracts were surveyed and laid out in lots of 400 acres, with 60 acres allowance for roads and highways, and sold at the nominal price

One of James Russell's ancestors? I don't know. SRP, 2/15/1987